



## AMENDMENT

### AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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4 Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

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6 Claim 6 (New) A single use breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines

7 to a supporting structure comprising:

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9 a support connector affixed to said supporting structure for securing the  
10 assembly to said supporting structure, said support connector having a solid  
11 portion and a hollowed portion;

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13 a stabilizing assembly, said stabilizing assembly having an overhead  
14 line connection point; and

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16 a stranded connection member mounted at one end in said hollowed  
17 section of said support connector and at the other end in said stabilizing  
18 assembly;

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20 whereby said connection member will yield when force is applied to  
21 said overhead line connection point.

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5 Claim 8 (New) The support assembly of claim 6 wherein said overhead line connection  
6 point is an independent component secured to said stabilizing assembly.

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8 Claim 9 (New) The support assembly of claim 6 wherein the connection member has a  
9 lower tensile strength than the other components of the breakaway support  
10 assembly.

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12 Claim 10 (New) The support assembly of claim 9 wherein the stabilizing assembly

13 comprises:

14 a generally oval shaped metal component; and

15 a nipple protruding from said metal component.

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20 Claim 11 (New) The support assembly of claim 9 further having a means for limiting  
21 the lateral movement of the overhead lines

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23 Claim 12 (New) The support assembly of claim 9 wherein said connection member will  
24 only yield to force in excess of the tensile strength of said connection member

Claim 13 (New) A breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines to a supporting structure comprising:

a support connector attached to said supporting structure for securing the assembly to the supporting structure;

an overhead line connection point; and

a stranded link member secured to said support connector at one end and secured to the overhead line connection point at the other end;

whereby said link member will yield when force in excess of the tensile strength of said link member is applied to said overhead line connection point.

Claim 14 (New) The support assembly of claim 13 further having a means for controlling the level of force at which the link member will yield.

Claim 15 (New) The support assembly of claim 13 further comprising a stabilizing assembly which includes an overhead line connection point, one end of said stabilizing assembly is disposed to receive and secure one end of said link member, the other end of said stabilizing assembly includes said overhead line connection point.

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1 Claim 22 (New) A single use breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines  
2 to a supporting structure comprising:

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4 a support connector for securing the assembly to the supporting  
5 structure wherein said support connector is threaded at the end in contact with  
6 said supporting structure and a portion is hollowed out at the other end;

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11 a link mounted at one end in said hollowed section of said support  
12 connector and at the other end in said stabilizing assembly;

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17 Claim 23 (New) The support assembly of claim 22 wherein the link is a stranded metal  
18 section with a lower tensile strength than the other components of the  
19 assembly.

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21 Claim 24 (New) A single use breakaway support assembly for securing overhead lines  
22 to a supporting structure comprising:

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a breakaway element that has a lower tensile strength than the other components of the breakaway support assembly;

a means for attaching said breakaway element to the overhead line; and

a means for securing said breakaway element to the supporting

whereby said breakaway element will yield upon the application of a load less than that required to damage the supporting structure thus preventing damage to the supporting structure when unintended force is applied to said breakaway support assembly.

14 Claim 25 (New) The support assembly of claim 24 further having a means for  
15 controlling the level of force at which the breakaway element will yield.